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*Vaccination of the crews at Manila.*

MANILA, P. I., May 7, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the vaccination of crews of the island steamers was completed during the month of April, being discontinued on the 22d ultimo. The data relative to this work is as follows: Total number vaccinated, 3,073; number revaccinated, 1,662; giving 1,411 successful results on the first vaccination. Of the second vaccinations about one-half were successful. Taking into consideration that all were vaccinated, irrespective of old scars, and that a certain number of this class will wash the virus off, the results obtained with the carabao vaccine was highly satisfactory.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Correction.*

MANILA, P. I., May 3, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to call your attention to an apparent typographical error in PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS of March 16, 1900, under the head of my report from Cadiz, Spain, dated February 16, 1900, wherein 1 death from plague is reported to have occurred in that city in January, 1900.

Reference to press copy of this report shows the death to have been due to *pelagra*.

Respectfully,

J. A. NYDEGGER,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*

PONCE, P. R., June 4, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended June 2, 1900, and mortality statistics for the past two weeks. I also inclose the monthly report of immigrants inspected and a summary of the work of this station for the month of May, 1900: In that time 2 vessels have been held in quarantine and 21 pieces of baggage disinfected. One steamer with 129 emigrants left this port for Daiquiri, Cuba, their vaccination certificates stamped before departure. Thirty-one immigrants were inspected and passed. During the past week 1 more case of smallpox has been reported to me, making 3 cases now under treatment and closely quarantined. There are also 14 cases of so-called chicken pox more or less closely quarantined. These cases are, I believe, discrete smallpox or varioloid as the cases occur in adults and in the same houses or neighborhood with the smallpox.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## [Inclosure No. 1.]

*Summary of transactions of Service during the month of May, 1900.*

Total number of deaths reported during May, 1900.....	(a) 443
Total number of deaths reported during May, 1899.....	(a) 165
Total number of births reported during May, 1900.....	(a) 169
Total number of births reported during May, 1899.....	(a) 80
Total number of vessels inspected during May, 1900 .....	21
Total number of bills of health issued during May, 1900.....	26
Total number of vessels in quarantine during May, 1900.....	2
Number of passengers whose baggage was disinfected during May, 1900.....	10
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during May, 1900 .....	21
Number of vaccination certificates stamped during May, 1900.....	132
Number of vessels inspected during May, 1899. ....	28
Number of vessels which sailed during May, 1899.....	45
Number of immigrants inspected during May, 1900.....	31

## [Inclosure No. 2.]

*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the two weeks ended June 2, 1900.*

Infectious diseases :		Diseases of the respiratory system.....	7
Dysentery.....	18	Diseases of the circulatory system.....	2
Malarial fever .....	14	Diseases of the nervous system .....	1
Tuberculosis.....	4	Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.)	37
La grippe .....	2		
Tetanus.....	2	Total.....	194
Septicæmia.....	1		
Diseases of the digestive apparatus.....	106	Births during same period .....	67

*Monthly report from San Juan and subports.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., June 9, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the Service at this station and the 5 subports of the island during the month of May, 1900:

Thirty-five vessels were inspected, 3 of which were held in quarantine. They were the Spanish steamers *Montserrat* and *Ciudad de Cadiz* and the U. S. transport *Wright*. The 2 former were from Havana—the *Montserrat* direct and the *Ciudad de Cadiz* by way of Central and South American ports. They were permitted to transact business in quarantine under guard.

The *Wright* arrived disinfected from Santiago de Cuba, but was held to complete the five days' period. She brought 2 immune passengers for this port.

Three passengers were detained under observation during the month. Seventy pieces of baggage were disinfected during the same period, 60 from the *Ciudad de Cadiz* and 10 pieces of steerage bedding from Spanish ports. The inspection of all baggage of steerage passengers from Spain is still being maintained.

The weather continues warm and the rainy season has begun. The health of the city and vicinity is fair, and there are no quarantinable diseases. Ninety deaths and 48 births were reported for the month. The usual list of the causes of deaths is inclosed herewith.

The sanitary inspectors at the subports report that their respective localities are free from quarantinable diseases. For the month 197 deaths are reported at Mayaguez, 119 at Arecibo, 42 at Humacao, 42 at Aguadilla, and 17 at Arroyo.

During the month 10 vessels were inspected at Mayaguez, 10 at Hum-

*a* These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding country.